

Trails of Oregon Caves National Monument

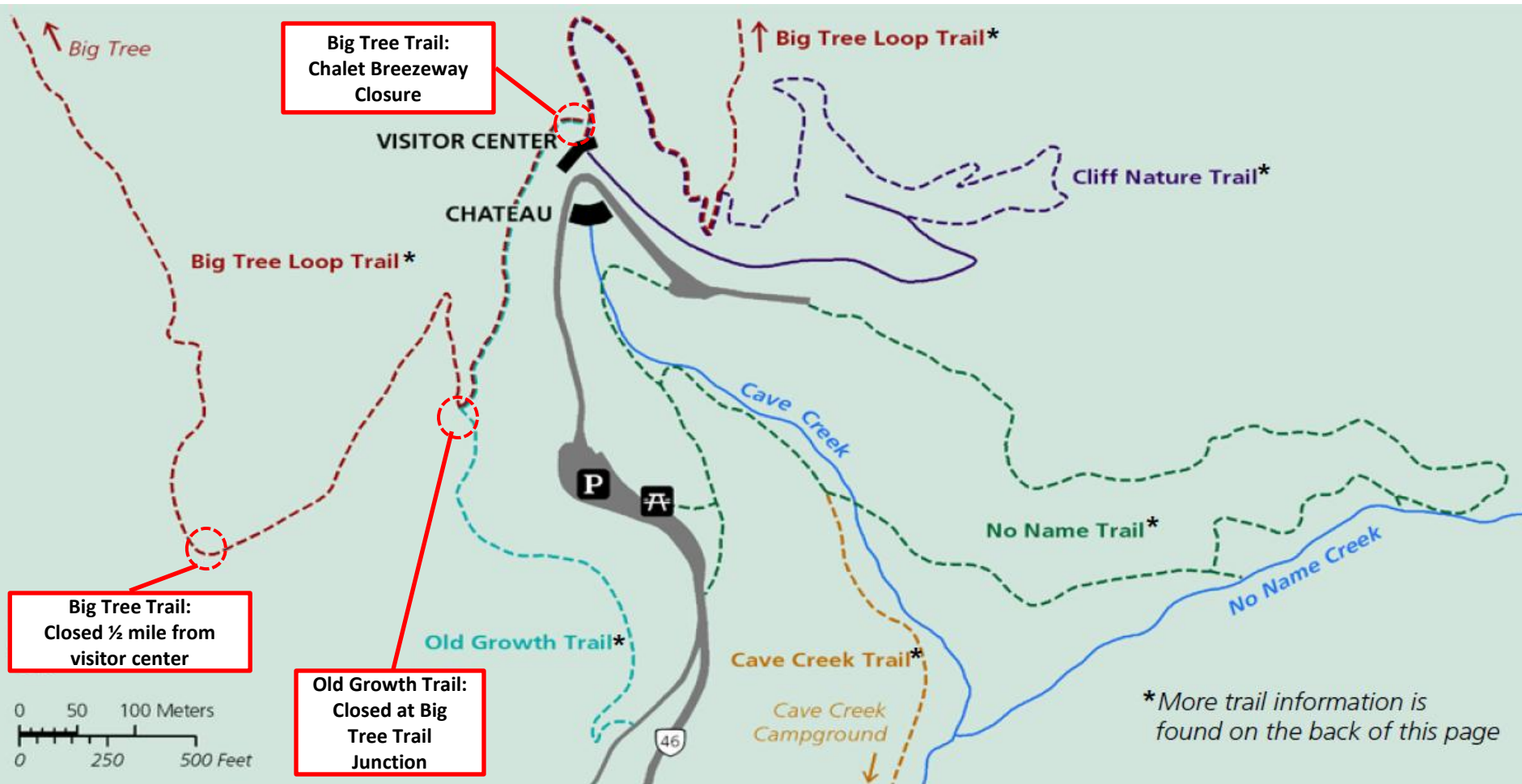


Trail Closure Map

Portions of the following trails will be closed
through **March 2015**:

Old Growth Trail

Big Tree Trail





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Park Regulations

- * DO NOT feed wildlife
- * Stay on marked trails.
- * Pets are not permitted on unpaved trails. Pets must be attended and kept on a leash at all times.
- * Camping or campfires are not permitted in the Monument.
- * Due to high fire danger, smoking is not permitted on any of the trails.
- * Hunting and trapping are prohibited.

Cougar/Bear Country

Cougars and black bear are important members of the animal community of the Siskiyou mountains. While they are very rarely seen and risk of attack is low, you should be prepared in case you do see one.

Be aware, not scared.

Most cougars and bears will try to avoid confrontation.

Never approach a these animals, especially ones that are feeding or with young.

Do Not Run. Stay calm. Hold your ground or back away slowly. Always give them a way to escape.

If you have small children with you, pick them up.

Face the animal and stand upright. Do all you can to appear larger. Grab a stick. Raise your arms.

If the animal behaves aggressively, wave your arms, shout and throw objects at it. The goal is to convince it that you are not prey and dangerous.

If attacked by a **cougar**, *fight back!* -- If attacked by a **bear**, roll up, cover your neck and play dead.

Cliff Nature Trail	Spectacular panoramic views of the Illinois Valley	From cave exit, 0.7 miles. From Visitor Center, 1.0 mile loop with a 370 feet (113 m) gain in elevation.	Allow 40 minutes from Cave exit, or 1 hour for entire loop.
Old Growth Trail	Trail closed approximately 1/4 mile from trailhead at junction with Big Tree Trail. Closed through March 2015	Total loop distance is 0.8 miles (1.3 km) with 200 feet (60 m) gain in elevation to highest point.	Allow 30- 40 minutes
No Name Trail	Sparkling mountain streams, mossy cliffs, and dense mixed forests	Total loop distance 1.3 miles (2.1 km) with 250 feet (75 m) gain in elevation.	Allow 1 hour
Big Tree Trail	North end of loop trail closed 1/2 mile from trailhead at the Visitor Center. Trail closed two miles from junction with Cliff Nature Trail; through March 2015	Total loop distance is 3.3 miles (5.3 km). This is a strenuous hike with 1,100 feet (335 m) gain in elevation	Allow 2-3 hours
Cave Creek Trail	Trail follows Caves Creek from the monument to the Forest Service campground through a forest of oaks and conifers.	Distance one way is 1.5 miles (2.4 km), 1000 feet (305 m) change in elevation.	Allow 1 hour +
Bigelow Lakes Loop Trail	Follows the Mountain Meadows Trail and Boundary Trail from road USFS 070 to Mt. Elijah, passing by Bigelow Lakes up to Mt. Elijah	Distance from USFS 070 junction loop is 4 miles (6.4 km) with 700 ft. (213 m) gain in elevation. From Visitor Center to Mt. Elijah it is 4.5 miles with a 2390 feet (728 m) gain in elevation.	Allow 4 to 6 hours depending on route